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## IN THE CLAIMS

## Kindly replace the claims of record with the following full set of claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A dist
  - A display apparatus (1) comprising:
- [[•]] an electrophoretic medium (5) comprising charged particles (6) in a fluid positioned in one of a plurality positions within said medium;
- [[•]] a plurality of picture elements (2);
- [[•]] a first and second electrode (8,9) associated with each picture element (2) for receiving a potential difference; and
- [[•]] <u>a drive means (100) arranged to:</u>
  - a) supply a sequence of picture potential differences to each of said picture elements (2), each of said picture potential differences having a picture value and an associated picture duration, the product of said picture value and picture duration representing which represents a picture energy for enabling the particles to occupy one of the positions for displaying a picture; and
  - b) supply one or more inter-picture potential differences between at least two consecutive picture potential differences to selected ones of said picture elements, said one or more inter-picture potential differences having an inter-picture value and an associated inter-picture duration, the product of said inter-picture value and inter-picture duration representing which represents an inter-picture energy which is insufficient to substantially change the positions of the particles to cause an optical state change;

the apparatus (1) further comprising a memory means (104) for receiving and storing a data representative of the picture energy and the inter-picture energy of all of said potential differences applied to each picture element (2), and providing a running total thereof of the picture energy and the inter-picture energy for each picture element (2), the drive means (100) being arranged to select the polarity of said one or more inter-picture potential differences such that a the magnitude of said running total for a respective a corresponding one of said picture elements (2) picture element (2) is reduced.

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- 2. (Currently amended) The apparatus Apparatus (1) according to claim 1, wherein a time interval is provided between each inter-picture potential difference applied to a picture element corresponding one of said plurality of picture elements (2).
- 3. (Currently amended) The apparatus Apparatus (1) according to claim 2, wherein said time interval is of the order of 0.5 seconds.
- 4. (Currently amended) The apparatus Apparatus (1) according to claim 1 any one of the preceding claims, wherein the duration pulse time period of each inter-picture potential difference is 2-8ms.
- 5. (Currently amended) The apparatus Apparatus (1) according to claim 1, any one of the preceding claims wherein the value of said inter-picture potential differences is substantially [[the]] a maximum voltage available on the drive means (100).
- 6. (Currently amended) The apparatus Apparatus (1) according to claim 1 any one of the preceding claims, wherein one or more of said inter-picture potential differences have an inter-picture value below [[the]] a switching threshold voltage of the ink an ink material materials used in said display apparatus.
- 7. (Currently amended) The apparatus Apparatus (1) according to claim 1 any one of the preceding claims, wherein [[the]] a number and a polarity of said inter-picture potential differences are stored in the memory means (104).